(a) the per capita income in the rural areas viz-a-viz the urban areas;

(b) whether the gap between per capita income in both the areas has been increasing; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to reduced the gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The estimates of per capita income i.e. Net Domestic Product (NDP) by rural and urban areas have been worked out at current prices for the years 1970-71 and 1980-81 only and the figures are given below.

Per capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices

Year	Area		
	Rural (Rs.)	Urban (Rs.)	Rural as per cent of urban
1970-71	529	1294	40.9
1980-81	1245	2888	43.1

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97) document prepared by the Planning Commission sets out the strategy and programmes for agricultural and rural development. which will contribute to increase in investment and income in the rural areas.

Bifurcation of FCI

1864. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider to bifurcate the Food Corporation of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the FCI has become too large to administer;

(c) how Government propose to make the administrative structure of FCI more manageable; and

(d) the details of steps proposed?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No administrative restructuring is required in view of the reply to (b) above.

(d) Does not arise.

कोकिंग कोयले के धुलाई कारखानों का आधुनिकीकरण

1865. श्री सुरिन्दर कुमार सिंगला:
डॉ॰ श्रीकान्त रामचन्द्र जिचकर:

क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कोंकिंग कोयले के धुलाई कारखानों का आधुनिकीकरण का काम पूरा हो गया है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) आधुनिकीकरण का काम कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा): (क) और (ख) 10 विद्यमान कोककर कोयला वाशरियों (भारत कोकिंग कोल लि॰ में 6 और सेन्ट्रल कोलफील्ड्स लि॰ में 4 वाशरियों) के आधुनिकीकरण किए जाने का कार्य एक विशेषज्ञ समिति की सिफारिशों के अनुसार शुरू किया गया था। आधुनिकीकरण का कार्य, जो कि पूरा किया जाना है, वह "अल्पावधि" तथा "दीर्घावधि" उपायों से संबंधित है। अल्पावधि उपायों को क्रियान्वित किए जाने का कार्य का सभी वाशरियों में पूरा कर लिया है। अल्पावधि तथा दीर्घावधि उपायों के कार्यान्वयन के कार्य को 2 वाशरियों में पूरा कर लिया गया है। शेष वाशरियों में दीर्घावधि उपायों के कार्यान्वयन कार्य प्रगति पर है। प्रारम्भ में कोयला कम्पनियों में विलम्ब निधियों की कमियों के कारण हुआ था। वर्तमान में विलम्ब "टर्न की" संविदाकर्ता के कारण डिशेलिंग संयंत्र को चालू किए जाने के कारण हुआ है।

(ग) कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (को॰ इ॰ लि॰) के अनुसार आधुनिकीकरण कार्यक्रम के मार्च, 1998 तक पूर्ण हो जाने की संभावना है।

Re-orientation of production planning in coal sector

1866. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether re-orientation of production planning in the coal sector is necessary;

(b) if so, what are the plans of Government in this regard;

(c) when the plans will be actually implemented; and

(d) what will be its effect on coal production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Policy on Private Investment

1867. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whther Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in 'Observer' of 28th June, 1995 regarding Policy of Private Investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to make a comprehensive and coordinated policy for attracting private investment in the infrastructure industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(e) in what manner the need for professionals for the preparation of project report by different Ministries is sought to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The news item refers to the suggestion of a Member of Planning Commission for setting up a committee for evolving comprehensive policy framework for private investments in the infrastructure sector. The policy regarding private investment in infrastructure sector has been laid down in the Eighth Plan document according to which the public sector will continue to play a dominant role in this area and will have the ultimate responsibility of meeting the demands. However, if private initiative comes forward to participate in creating such infrastructure on reasonable terms and with full protection of peoples interest such initiative would be encouraged. Specific details for attracting private investment in different infrastructures industries have to be finalised by respective Central Ministries/Departments of Government of india.

(e) The services of professionals including consultants are availed of by different Ministries for preparation of project reports as and when necessary.

Survey by Tobacco Board Regarding Beedi Tobacco Cultivation

1868. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tobacco Board has made any survey of the extent of beedi tobacco cultivation in various States;

(b) if so, the details of acreage and production, State-wise during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give more attention to farmers cultivating beedi tobacco; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Tobacco Boards establishes platforms for auction of Virginia tobacco grown by the registered growers. In accordance with the provisions of the Tobacco Board Act, only Virginia tobacco growers are registered by the Board. Presently the Tobacco Board has no scheme for production and marketing of beedi tobacco.

More Funds to Gujarat for Development

1869. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allocate more funds to Gujarat for the development of small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;